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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-5.

Claims 1, 18, 23-25 are amended.

Claims 2-7, 16, 21-22 and 26-42 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 43-44 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.